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SUBJECT **Current Status of the Service Duvalier (SD)**

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SOURCE **A former Haitian government employee who has the confidence of many members of the Duvalier government. His reporting has been accurate since 1963. He received the information from a Haitian military officer who is opposed to Duvalier, who has access to the files of a Haitian Intelligence Service, and who has furnished reliable information.**

1. As of mid-July 1970, the presidential investigative service, Service Duvalier, had gone through another of its transformations. Formerly headed by Elois Maitre, and then Luc Desir, it is now headed by four members of approximately co-equal rank. They are Col. Breton Claude, Commander of the Dessalines Battalion; Luckner Cambonne, Legislative Deputy from Arcahiae; Jacques Fourcand, sometime personal physician to the President, and Ulrick St. Louis, Chairman of the Chamber of Deputies. Luc Desir and Edmond Lubin, both longtime members of the SD, continue to hold their jobs, but their influence has declined and neither man appears active at the present time. The investigative staff of the SD comprises the following; Jacques Vabrun, Joubert Jean-Baptiste, Frederic Dieu, and Malberes Caudin.

2. Except for the investigation of the 24 April Coast Guard revolt, which is being personally handled by Claude, Cambonne, Fourcand and St. Louis, the SD has received no investigative assignments in recent months. The SD offices, still located in the National Palace, have been more or less vacant in recent months as the focus of its work has shifted to the Dessalines Barracks.

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3. (Field Comment: The always amorphous structure of the SD appears to have been further confused by the appointment of investigating commissions to look into the Coast Guard revolt and the earlier arrests of Col. Kesner Blain, Quartermaster of the Haitian Armed Forces; Clemard Joseph Charles, President of the Commercial Bank of Haiti; and others. It seems likely that the SD as formerly constituted has been allowed to lie dormant with Claude, Cambronne, Fourcand and St. Louis taking over the politically sensitive investigations outside the framework of the SD.

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